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Organic Livestock Plan Certification Questionnaire

Please complete all sections of this questionnaire if you are requesting organic livestock (slaughter, dairy, eggs, non-edible livestock products) certification. Copies pages or use additional sheets as necessary. This form is required for initial LDAF Livestock Certifications, and for currently certified livestock producers every fifth year or when your operation has significant changes. Other years, a short form will be provided for your ease. Please contact the LDAF office if you have any questions regarding this questionnaire. (\$25.00 Nonrefundable Application Fee)

SECTION 1: General Information			NOP Rule 205.401	
Name (Authorized Representative)		Farm Name		
Address		City		
State		Zip code	Date	
Phone		Fax Email		
Legal status: <input type="checkbox"/> Sole proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Legal partnership (federal form 1065) <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative <input type="checkbox"/> Trust or non-profit <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)				
Year first certified	List previous organic certification by other agencies	List current organic certification by other agencies		Year when Organic Livestock Plan Questionnaire was last submitted
Type of Livestock Farm				
Please list type of livestock and livestock products requested for certification:				
Give directions to your farm for the inspector.				
When are you available to contact? <input type="checkbox"/> Morning <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon <input type="checkbox"/> Evening When are you available for the inspection? <input type="checkbox"/> Morning <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon <input type="checkbox"/> Evening (The Authorized Representative of the operation must be present for the inspection.)				
Have you ever been denied certification? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, describe the circumstances:		
Do you understand the current National Organic Program (NOP) standards? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Do you have a copy of current NOP standards? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
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Reviewer		Check Date		
		Amount \$		

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SECTION 2: Livestock Operation Profile/Source of Livestock**NOP Rule 205.201, .236, .272**

The NOS requires the producer of an organic livestock operation to maintain records sufficient to preserve the identity of all organically managed animals and edible & non-edible animal products on the operation. Some exceptions allow transition of livestock to organic with time frames required for organic management as outlined in NOS §§205.236(a). Note: All mammals to be sold as organic slaughter stock, including dairy culls, must follow all organic slaughter stock standards, including organic management from the last third of their gestation. Split and parallel livestock operations must be able to verify management that maintains organic integrity of organic livestock.

Please itemize animals requested for organic certification (O) or conventional (C):

LIVESTOCK TYPE (includes young stock)	# FEMALES		# MALES		# CASTRATED MALES		INTENDED USE (ITEMIZE AS NEEDED, ex. meat, breeders, milk, eggs, fiber, etc.)
	O	C	O	C	O	C	
Cattle - Dairy							
Cattle - Beef							
Poultry (specify)							
Goats							
Sheep							
Other (specify)							

Have any livestock been obtained or do you intend to obtain any livestock from off-farm? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, give specific information on livestock from off-farm sources:

TYPE OF LIVESTOCK	ID #/FLOCK #	DATE OBTAINED	BIRTH/HATCHING DATE	SOURCE AND PHONE NUMBER	CERTIFIED BY WHAT AGENCY?

SPLIT/PARALLEL PRODUCTION: ☐ Not applicable

Please describe all livestock products that are or will be under simultaneous organic and non-organic production:

LIVESTOCK PRODUCT	TYPE OF LIVESTOCK	PROJECTED QUANTITY ORGANIC	PROJECTED QUANTITY NON-ORGANIC

If you have split or parallel livestock production, please describe all prohibited substances and practices used:

Describe measures taken to prevent organic livestock and livestock products from contamination by prohibited substances:

Please describe measures taken to prevent commingling of organic and non-organic livestock products:

SECTION 3: Living Conditions**NOP Rule 205.201, .206(f), .239**

The NOS require organic livestock operations to be based on systems that maximize health of animals and allow for their natural behavior. Animal environment must include: access to shade, shelter, fresh air, outdoors, exercise areas, and direct sunlight suitable to the species, production stage, and climate; clean and dry bedding as appropriate to the system; and housing design which is safe and allows for natural behavior.

Please describe housing used: *All facilities and outdoor livestock areas should be indicated on attached maps.*

TYPE OF HOUSING AND MAP DESIGNATION	SIZE (LENGTH X WIDTH)	TYPE OF LIVESTOCK HOUSED	NUMBER OF ANIMALS HOUSED

Describe type(s) of bedding used:

Is this bedding typically consumed by the livestock? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, do you have verification that bedding is organic? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How often is housing cleaned out and how is it cleaned?**Describe locations of any treated lumber (with prohibited materials) that may come into contact with livestock:****Describe sanitation or cleaning products used:****Describe on-farm manure handling (storage facilities, means of containing run off, etc.):**

How and when is manure spread or otherwise disposed of?

Estimated quantity of manure generated per year: _____ Tons Acres of land used for manure application: _____

Please describe outdoor areas, other than pasture, used by animals (map designation, terrain, size etc.):

On average, how many hours per day are animals INDOORS? spring_____ summer_____ fall_____ winter_____

SECTION 4: Livestock Feed and Feed Supplements**NOP Rule 205.201, .237, .239, .272**

The NOS require that all certified organic livestock is fed 100% certified organically produced and handled feeds, including feed or forage obtained off-farm. This standard applies to mammals from the last third of gestation, and to other species from the second day of life. Allowances for transitioning dairy animals are outlined in NOS §205.236(a)(2). Pasture access is required for ruminants. Feed additives and supplements must be approved as per NOS §205.237.

A. FEED: All feed raised on-farm must be noted on field histories and organic procedures addressed in the crop management section.

If you are in dairy herd conversion, what date did you begin feeding a minimum 80% certified, or on farm certifiable feed? ☐ Not applicable

Describe ration and dates begun in detail in the table below.

If you are in dairy herd conversion, what date did you begin or do you anticipate beginning 100% organic feed?

Describe ration and dates begun in detail in the table below.

Complete this table for all animals intended for organic production (i.e. dairy animals in conversion, young stock, etc.)

LIVESTOCK TYPE (i.e. dairy females, sheep for wool, etc.)	FEED TYPE (BALED HAY, SILAGE, GRAIN MIX, ETC.)	STATUS (ORGANIC/ CONV.)	FEED SOURCE (ITEMIZE AS NEEDED FOR EACH FEED TYPE, AND NOTE EITHER ON-FARM OR NAME OF OFF- FARM SOURCE)	% OF DAILY RATION	DATE STARTED/ TO BE STARTED	CERTIFICATION AGENCY
Example: DAIRY COWS	HAY	ORGANIC	ON-FARM	60%	10/1/03	

Do you process feed (mix, grind, roast, extrude, etc.) on-farm? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, is the equipment also used to process conventional products? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how is equipment cleaned prior to processing organic feed to prevent contamination?

Please document all equipment cleaning and have documentation available at your inspection.

B. PASTURE MANAGEMENT: ☐ no pastures provided for livestock

Please describe all pastures used by livestock: All pastures must be indicated on maps and field history forms.

PASTURE DESIGNATION	ACREAGE	STOCKING RATE	PREDOMINANT FORAGE SPECIES	LENGTH OF TIME GRAZED BEFORE ROTATION	ANNUAL LENGTH OF TIME NOT GRAZED

What months are livestock pastured?

What techniques are used to prevent waste runoff?

What techniques are used to prevent erosion?

What techniques are used to prevent overgrazing?

How do you ensure buffers are maintained between grazing areas and land not under organic management?

All buffers must be described on the Farm Plan Questionnaire and noted on your maps.

C. FEED SUPPLEMENTS AND ADDITIVES:

☐ No supplements or additives used

Please describe all feed supplements and additives, including silage inoculants, preservatives, etc.:

FEED SUPPLEMENT/ ADDITIVE	SOURCE	PROJECTED AMOUNT USED IN FEED RATION	*IS INGREDIENT LIST AVAILABLE?	LIVESTOCK TYPE AND REASON FOR USE (ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ANY NOS ANNOTATIONS)

D. FEED STORAGE:

What type(s) of feed do you store?

☐ None

All storage locations must be described on the Farm Plan Questionnaire and indicated on attached maps.

How do you ensure that organic feed is not commingled with non-organic feed?

☐ No non-organic feed

How do you dispose of synthetic materials used for bale wraps, silage covers, or other uses to protect feed?

SECTION 5: Pasture Fertility Management

NOP Rule 205.237

A. GENERAL INFORMATION AND EVALUATION:

What are your general soil types?

What are your soil/nutrient deficiencies?

☐ No deficiencies

How do you monitor the effectiveness of your fertility management program? ☐ soil testing

☐ microbiological testing ☐ tissue testing ☐ observation of soil ☐ observation of pasture health

☐ other (specify)

Attach copies of available test results.

How often do you conduct fertility monitoring? ☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ annually ☐ as needed

☐ other (specify)

Rate the effectiveness of your fertility management program. ☐ excellent ☐ satisfactory ☐ needs improvement

What changes do you anticipate?

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF YOUR FERTILITY PLAN?

- ☐ rotations ☐ purchased organic fertilizers ☐ on-farm manure ☐ off-farm manure ☐ soil amendments
☐ foliar fertilizers ☐ soil inoculants ☐ other (specify)

List all fertility inputs used or intended for use in the current season on proposed organic pastures.

All inputs used during the current year and previous three years must be listed on the Field History Sheet:

PRODUCT	BRAND NAME OR SOURCE	NO. APPLICATIONS PER YEAR	REASON FOR USE

IF YOU USE FERTILIZERS WITH HIGH SALT CONTENT (SODIUM NITRATE, POTASSIUM SULFATE, ETC.), HOW DO YOU PREVENT SALT BUILD-UP?

☐ Not applicable

NATURAL RESOURCES:

NOP Rule 205.200 and 205.203(a) requires that production practices maintain or improve the natural resources of the operation, including soil and water quality. Practices must minimize erosion. Depending on certifying agent policy, water tests may be required for nitrate and coliform bacteria if water is used for washing/processing organic products or for organic livestock. Irrigation water should not contaminate organic crops with prohibited materials. Methods to conserve water usage should be part of the irrigation plan.

What soil conservation practices are used? ☐ terraces/contours ☐ conservation tillage ☐ permanent waterways
☐ windbreaks ☐ firebreaks ☐ tree lines ☐ retention ponds ☐ riparian management ☐ maintain wildlife habitat
☐ other (specify)

WHAT SOIL EROSION PROBLEMS DO YOU EXPERIENCE ?

☐ none

Describe how you monitor the effectiveness of your soil conservation program.

How often do you conduct conservation monitoring? ☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ annually ☐ as needed

What practices are used to protect water quality?

- ☐ fencing livestock from waterways ☐ laser leveling/land forming ☐ retention ponds ☐ riparian management
☐ maintain wildlife habitat ☐ other (specify)

If livestock have access to a river, creek, or pond, how do you prevent bank erosion?

☐ No access

Describe your efforts to minimize water contamination problems listed above.

☐ Not applicable

Describe how you monitor the effectiveness of your water quality program.

SECTION 6: Livestock Health Management**NOP Rule 205.201, .238**

The NOP requires a production environment that promotes livestock health, limits livestock stress, and prevents use of prohibited materials. If prohibited treatments are used, the treated animals and/or their products may not be sold as organic. All appropriate treatments must be used to restore an animal to health when methods acceptable for organic production fail. Records must be sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the NOP Act and regulations. Physical alterations may only be conducted for the animal's ultimate benefit, and shall be administered in ways that minimize pain and stress.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Identify the general components of your animal health management program:

- ☐ selective breeding ☐ raise own replacement stock ☐ isolation for incoming/diseased animals ☐ culling ☐ vaccinations
☐ good sanitation ☐ access to outdoors ☐ dry bedding ☐ well-ventilated housing ☐ good quality feed ☐ pasture rotation
☐ nutritional supplements ☐ pro-biotics ☐ periodic fecal examinations ☐ parasite vector and intermediate host control
☐ release of beneficial organisms ☐ dusting wallows ☐ other (specify)

How do you monitor livestock health?

B. HEALTH OR DISEASE PROBLEMS:

List health problems, and products used or planned for use, including vaccinations, on organic livestock: ☐ None

HEALTH PROBLEM/DISEASE	FLOCK/ANIMAL ID	PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES	PRODUCT(S) USED AND DATES USED	ALLOWED (A) PROHIBITED (P)

Have any animals intended for certification been treated with antibiotics or parasiticides? ☐ Yes (listed above) ☐ No

If you use any hormones, specify which, state reason for use, and when used. ☐ Not used

Name and phone number of your veterinarian:

What are your sources of water for livestock use?

- ☐ on-site well ☐ municipal ☐ river/creek/pond ☐ spring ☐ other (specify)

If you use additives in the water, list them and state reason for use: ☐ No additives used

If livestock have access to a river or creek, how do you prevent contamination from sources upstream?

C. PEST CONTROL:☐ no livestock pests

Which of the following types of livestock pests affect your operation? ☐ flies ☐ internal parasites ☐ external parasites
☐ predators ☐ other (specify)

How do you prevent or control livestock pests?

How do you monitor for presence of livestock pests?

D. PHYSICAL ALTERATIONS: Please see NOS §205.238(a)(5)

Please list physical alteration practices you use: ☐ none used ☐ castration ☐ dehorning ☐ beak trimming ☐ tail docking
☐ freeze branding ☐ removal of extra teats ☐ other (specify)

Please describe physical alterations practices listed above:

ALTERATION PRACTICE	METHOD USED AND MEANS OF REDUCING LIVESTOCK STRESS	REASON FOR ALTERATION PRACTICE

SECTION 7: Recordkeeping**NOP Rule 205.103, .201, .236**

The NOS requires records sufficient to preserve the identity of all organically managed animals. Therefore, LDAF requires an audit trail which permits tracing the sources and amounts of all animals, feeds, supplements and additives, and medications. Organic animals must be traced from before birth to slaughter, including purchase and sales. Large animals (cattle, sheep, hogs, etc.) must be individually identified. Poultry, rabbits and other small animals that are not individually identified are to be tracked by flock, lots or other applicable units wherein all individuals have received the same inputs and treatment. Records must be retained for 5 years, even for animals that have left the farm.

Describe your identification system: ☐ collars ☐ ear-tags ☐ tattoos ☐ lot number ☐ other (specify)

If animals are treated with prohibited materials, how are they identified and/or segregated?

Please list types of livestock records you keep:

☐ documentation of source of animals ☐ breeding ☐ off-farm feed/feed supplements ☐ feed labels ☐ feed storage
☐ individual health records ☐ herd/flock health records ☐ somatic cell/plate count ☐ milk production ☐ sales ☐ slaughter
☐ shipping/transportation ☐ egg handling reports ☐ records to show separation of ☐ complaint log ☐ other (specify)

Production Records must be kept for 5 years.

IF YOU GROW YOUR OWN ORGANIC FEED CROPS, YOU MUST COMPLETE SECTIONS 8 – 10.

☐ **NO LIVESTOCK FEED CROPS RAISED ON FARM**

SECTION 8: Crop Management for Production of Feed Crops NOP Rule 205.205 and 205.206

NOP Rule requires a crop rotation plan that maximizes soil organic matter content, prevents weed, pest, and disease problems, and manages deficient or excess plant nutrients. Your crop rotation may include sod, cover crops, green manure crops, and catch crops. Producers must utilize sanitation measures to remove disease vectors, weed seeds, and habitat for pests. Cultural practices, including selection of plant species and varieties adapted to site-specific conditions, must be used to enhance crop health.

Approved synthetic materials on the National List 205.601 may only be used when management practices are insufficient to prevent or control problems. All weed, pest, and disease inputs must be approved. A "restricted" input has specific annotations for its use. If you use a "restricted" material, you must provide evidence of how you address the materials' annotation.

A. CROP ROTATION PLANS: (Use one line for each rotation used)

CROP ROTATION PLAN	FIELD NUMBERS WHERE PLAN IS FOLLOWED	ANTICIPATED CHANGES

B. WEED MANAGEMENT PLAN: ☐ No weed problems

What are your problem weeds?

What weed control methods do you use? ☐ crop rotation ☐ field preparation ☐ prevention of weed seed set
☐ delayed seeding ☐ monitoring soil temperature ☐ soil sterilization ☐ use of fast emerging varieties
☐ mechanical cultivation ☐ use of hand tools ☐ hand weeding ☐ mowing ☐ livestock grazing
☐ flame weeding ☐ steam weeding ☐ electrical ☐ smother crops ☐ black fallow ☐ non-synthetic mulch
☐ synthetic mulch ☐ corn gluten ☐ soap-based herbicides ☐ other (specify)

Do you keep a record of how often you utilize these weed control methods, i.e., dates and fields when you cultivate or flame weed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

All inputs used or intended for use during the current year and used in the previous three years must be listed on your Field History Sheet.

If you use plastic or other synthetic mulches, is the mulch removed at the end of the growing or harvest season? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If no, why not?

If you use soap-based herbicides, list all areas where used.

If you use newspaper, etc. for mulch, do you use paper with glossy or colored inks? ☐ Yes ☐ No

EVALUATION:

Rate the effectiveness of your weed management program: ☐ excellent ☐ satisfactory ☐ needs improvement

How do you monitor the effectiveness of your weed management program? ☐ weed counts
☐ observation of weed types ☐ comparison of crop yields ☐ records kept of observations/counts
☐ other (specify)

C. PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN: ☐ No pest problems

What are your problem pests? ☐ insects (list)
☐ rodents ☐ gophers ☐ birds ☐ other animals (specify)

Do you work with a pest control advisor? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What strategies do you use to control pest damage to crops?☐ none used

- ☐ crop rotation ☐ selection for plant species/varieties ☐ development of habitat for natural enemies
☐ timing of planting ☐ companion planting ☐ frog ponds ☐ bat houses ☐ bird houses ☐ hand picking
☐ monitoring ☐ trap crops ☐ physical barriers ☐ physical removal ☐ traps ☐ lures ☐ IPM
☐ insect repellents ☐ animal repellents ☐ release of predators/parasites of pest species
☐ use of approved products ☐ use of restricted products ☐ limited use of prohibited products
☐ other (specify)

Do you keep a record of how often you utilize these pest control methods, i.e., dates when you scout or apply inputs to a specific field or crop? ☐ Yes ☐ No

List all pest control products used or intended for use in the current season on organic fields. *All inputs used or intended for use during the current year and in the previous three years must be listed on your Field History Sheet.*

☐ Not applicable

PEST PROBLEM	CONTROL PRODUCT	STATUS: APPROVED (A) RESTRICTED (R)	IF RESTRICTED, DESCRIBE COMPLIANCE WITH NOP RULE ANNOTATION

EVALUATION:

Rate the effectiveness of your pest management program? ☐ excellent ☐ satisfactory ☐ needs improvement

How do you monitor the effectiveness of your pest management program? ☐ insect monitoring with traps

- ☐ observation of crop health ☐ comparison of crop yields ☐ crop quality testing ☐ monitoring records kept
☐ other (specify)

Attach copies of your test results, if applicable.

How often do you conduct pest monitoring? ☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ annually ☐ as needed

☐ other (specify)

D. DISEASE MANAGEMENT PLAN:☐ No disease problems

What disease prevention strategies do you use? ☐ crop rotation ☐ field sanitation ☐ plant spacing

- ☐ selection of plant species/varieties ☐ timing of planting/cultivating ☐ vector management ☐ soil balancing
☐ solarization ☐ companion planting ☐ compost/tea use ☐ use of approved materials
☐ use of restricted materials ☐ limited use of prohibited materials ☐ other (specify)

List all disease management inputs used or intended for use on your organic crops. *All inputs used or intended for use during the current year and used in the previous three years must be listed on your Field History Sheet.*

☐ Not applicable

DISEASE PROBLEM	CONTROL PRODUCT	STATUS: APPROVED (A) RESTRICTED (R)	IF RESTRICTED, DESCRIBE COMPLIANCE WITH NOP RULE ANNOTATION

EVALUATION:

Rate the effectiveness of your disease management program? ☐ excellent ☐ satisfactory ☐ needs improvement

How do you monitor the effectiveness of your pest management program? ☐ soil testing

☐ microbiological testing ☐ observation of soil ☐ observation of crop health ☐ comparison of crop yields

☐ crop quality testing ☐ monitoring records kept ☐ other (specify)

Attach copies of your test results, if applicable.

How often do you conduct pest monitoring? ☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ annually ☐ as needed

☐ other (specify)

SECTION 9: Seeds/Seed Treatments for Production of Feed Crops

NOP Rule 205.204

NOP Rule requires the use of organically grown seeds, unless the variety is not commercially available. If using non-organic seeds, you must have records of your attempts to source organic seed. Synthetic seed treatments are prohibited unless included on the National List. Genetically engineered/modified (GMO) seeds and inoculants are prohibited in organic production. NOP Rule uses the phrase "excluded methods" to refer to GMO products. Please save all seed and inoculant labels, and documentation of commercial unavailability of organic seeds to show the inspector.

List all seeds used or planned for use in the current season. Check the appropriate boxes and provide other information as needed. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

☐ No seeds used ☐ All seeds are organic ☐ Some untreated seed used

☐ No GMO seeds purchased/planted

SEED/VARIETY/BRAND	ORGANIC (✓)	UNTREATED (✓)	TREATED (✓)	TYPE/BRAND OF TREATMENT		WHAT ATTEMPTS DID YOU MAKE TO USE ORGANIC/UNTREATED SEED?
				FUNGICIDE	INOCULANT	

SECTION 10: Soil Fertility for the Production of Feed Crops

NOP Rule 205.204

☐ crop rotation ☐ green manure plow down/cover crops ☐ inter-planting ☐ incorporation of crop residues
☐ sub-soiling ☐ summer fallow ☐ compost ☐ on-farm manure ☐ off-farm manure ☐ soil amendments
☐ side dressing ☐ foliar fertilizers ☐ biodynamic preparations ☐ soil inoculants ☐ other (specify)

List all fertility inputs used or intended for use in the current season on proposed organic fields.

All inputs used during the current year and previous three years must be listed on the Field History Sheet:

PRODUCT	BRAND NAME OR SOURCE	APPLICATIONS PER YEAR	REASON FOR USE

IF YOU USE FERTILIZERS WITH HIGH SALT CONTENT (SODIUM NITRATE, POTASSIUM SULFATE, ETC.), HOW DO YOU PREVENT SALT BUILD-UP?

☐ Not applicable

Do you burn crop residues?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe what materials are burned and why.

SECTION 11: Maintenance of Organic Integrity**NOP Rule 205.201(a)(5) and 205.202(c)****ADJOINING LAND USE:**

NOP RULE requires that organic production areas have distinct boundaries and buffer zones to prevent the unintended application of a prohibited substance or contact with a prohibited substance that is applied to adjoining land not under organic management. Adjoining land includes cropland, pastures, residential property, fallow land, etc. Buffer areas may change annually, depending on contamination potential from adjoining land uses. The width of the minimum buffer is dependent on certifying agent policy. The NOP Rule requires that the buffer must be sufficient in size or other features (windbreaks, diversion ditches) to prevent the unintended contact by prohibited substances applied to adjacent land areas. Crops within the required buffer must be left un-harvested or harvested, stored, and disposed of as nonorganic crop, with records kept of crop disposition. Indicate buffer zones and show all adjoining land uses on your field maps.

List specific buffer areas you maintain. (Show all adjoining land uses on your field maps.)

☐ Not applicable

LOCATION OR FIELD NUMBER	TYPE OF BUFFER (CROP LAND, TREELINE, HEDGEROW, WILDLIFE PLANTING, GRASS STRIP)	WIDTH OF BUFFER	ADJOINING LAND USE	IF CROP IS HARVESTED FROM BUFFER, DESCRIBE USE (SALE, NON-ORGANIC LIVESTOCK FEED, SEED, ETC.)

What additional safeguards do you use to prevent accidental contamination?

☐ none

Written notification to: ☐ highway departments ☐ electric companies ☐ aerial spray companies/airports
☐ adjoining landowners ☐ drainage commissions ☐ farm service office ☐ other (specify)

Have you posted "No Spray" signs along roadsides that adjoin organic fields?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do any fields or portions of fields flood frequently? (more than once every ten years)

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list field numbers:

How do you prevent contamination of organic crops/livestock in the area of buffers and/or adjoining lands managed conventionally?**EQUIPMENT:**

To prevent commingling and contamination, all equipment used in organic crop production must be free of non-organic crops and prohibited materials. Equipment used for both organic and non-organic farming must be cleaned and flushed prior to use on organic fields or crops. Keep records of equipment clean and flush activities.

List equipment used for planting, tillage, spraying, and harvesting.

☐ Not applicable

EQUIPMENT NAME	OWNED (O), RENTED (R), OR CUSTOM (C)	CHECK IF USED ON BOTH ORGANIC AND CONVENTIONAL (✓)	HOW IS EQUIPMENT CLEANED BEFORE USE ON ORGANIC FIELDS?

Is your equipment maintained so that fuel, oil and hydraulic fluid do not leak? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

Do you use spray equipment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If the spray equipment has previously been used on conventional crops, what measures have you taken to prevent contamination of organically grown crops?

HARVEST:

NOP Rule 205.272(b)(1) and (2) requires that containers, bins, and packaging materials must not contain synthetic fungicides, preservatives, or fumigants. All reusable containers must be thoroughly cleaned and pose no risk of contamination prior to use.

How are your organic crops harvested? ☐ mechanical ☐ by hand

Are any organic crops custom harvested? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide name and address of custom harvester.

Describe steps taken to protect organic crops from commingling and contamination during harvest.

What containers are used for harvesting? ☐ gravity wagons/boxes ☐ truck boxes ☐ cardboard/waxed boxes
☐ wooden totes ☐ plastic containers ☐ other (specify)

Are containers new or used? ☐ new ☐ used

If used, what did they contain prior to organic use?

Are the containers used for organic crops only? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Describe potential contamination or commingling problems you have with harvest of organic crops.

SECTION12: Handling for Slaughter

NOP Rule205.102, .201, .272

Organic livestock operations that slaughter or process meat products are required to complete a separate handler/processor plan and become certified as an Organic Handler/Processor.

☐ NO SLAUGHTER

If you contract for slaughter and processing of livestock, you must provide the:

Name, address, phone number and contact person for facility where your animals are slaughtered:

This facility or portion of this slaughter facility must be an organic certified handler/processor. Please provide certification information on this handler/processor:

SECTION 13: Milk Handling**NOP Rule 205.201, .272**

Organic dairy operations that bottle milk or process milk into other products (cheese, butter, cream, etc.) are required to complete a separate handler/processor plan and become certified as an Organic Handler/Processor.

☐ NO DAIRY OPERATION

Organic dairy operations selling bulk milk must meet all applicable regulatory sanitation requirements. All inputs for animal sanitation shall not contain prohibited substances. Equipment sanitizers must present no risk of contamination.

Please indicate type of milk handling system you use: ☐ pipeline ☐ automated ☐ step saver ☐ hand milking

☐ parlor ☐ tie stalls ☐ stanchions ☐ other (specify)

Describe cleaning cycle for milking equipment (water temperature, number of rinses, type of cleaning materials, etc.):

Detergent name: _____ Acid cleaner name: _____ Sanitizer name: _____

Please specify products used to clean animals: ☐ None used

Teat dips _____ Udder washes _____ Other _____

How often do you change inflations?

How many animals do you currently milk?

SECTION 14: Egg Handling and Packing**NOP Rule 205.102, .201, .272**

Organic egg operations must meet all applicable Federal and State regulatory requirements. Facilities that handle eggs must be inspected and certified to verify that organic integrity is maintained.

☐ NO EGG HANDLING

If egg processing is contracted please provide:

Name, address, phone number contact person for facility where eggs are washed, graded and packed: ☐ on farm

This facility or portion of this egg processing facility must be an organic certified handler/processor. Please provide certification information on this handler/processor:

SECTION 15: Marketing**NOP Rule 205.303 - .311**

Organic integrity must be maintained and verifiable through sale of organic product. All product labels must be approved.

Please indicate how livestock products are marketed:

☐ farmers market ☐ direct to retail ☐ CSA/subscription service ☐ on-farm retail ☐ wholesale to processor
☐ contract to buyer ☐ other (specify)

Do you use or plan to use organic product labels? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attach examples of all organic product labels.

SECTION 16: Affirmation

I affirm that all statements made in this application are true and correct. No prohibited products have been applied to any of the organically managed land or pasture areas for the last three years, nor to any animals I plan to sell as organic. I understand that my operation may be subject to unannounced inspections and/or sampling for residues at any time. I understand that acceptance of this questionnaire in no way implies granting of certification by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. I agree to follow National Organic Standards (NOS) requirement.

Signature of Operator _____ Date _____

I have attached the following required documents:

- ☐ Maps of the operation (including buildings and pasture/grazing areas and showing adjoining land use and identification)
- ☐ Field history sheet (be sure to list pastures on field history sheets provided)
- ☐ Organic product labels for products used (if applicable)

SUBMIT:

- 1) Completed Questionnaire**
- 2) Supporting Documents**
- 3) \$25.00 Nonrefundable Application Fee**

TO:

Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF)
Organic Certification Program
PO Box 91081
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9081

**If you have not made copies yet, be sure to do so before submitting
Farm and Livestock Plans and supporting documents to the office.**

FIELD HISTORY SHEET

Instructions: Complete this Field History Sheet for all fields (organic or conventional). You can use your own form as long as it contains the same information. List all inputs (pest management, fertility, etc.) used or planned for use, including compost and/or manure. Inputs that have already been applied must include the rate and date of application unless you are keeping separate input records. Keep copies for your files. This form should accompany your Organic Livestock Plan or Organic Livestock Plan Update form.

Code: O = Organic or C = Conventional Producer Name

Code	Field No.	Acres/ ha.	Year <input type="text"/>		Year <input type="text"/>		Year <input type="text"/>		Year <input type="text"/>	
			Crop	Input	Crop	Input	Crop	Input	Crop	Input